

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Steve Black
- Peter Blood

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-22-038 – Public Works Division
- J-22-046 – Operations/Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Division
- J-22-047 – Office for Children & Families, Citizens Services Division

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- J-22-050 – Workforce Services, Office of Economic Development

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-22-038, J-22-046, J-22-047 and J-22-050 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to pull Budget Adjustment J-22-038 for further discussion. Council Member Phil Dacey seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

The Council then returned to the original motion made by Council Member Jessica Fitzwater to approve Budget Adjustments J-22-046, J-22-047 and J-22-050 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-038 as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion passed 5-2.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2021.

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from August 24, 2021. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Agriculture Business Council

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Tom Barse and Sarah Welty to the Agriculture Business Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Investment Committee

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointment of Michael Mills, Retirement Plan Committee Representative to the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Investment Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Senior Services Advisory Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointment of Bruce Deshong to the Senior Services Advisory Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Social Services Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Cheryl Back, Stacy Freeman and Esther Slack-Metellus to the Social Services Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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Substance Abuse Council

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointment of Robert Wilhelm, Adult Detention Center Representative to the Substance Abuse Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Sustainability Commission

Council Member Kai Hagen moved to confirm the appointment of Ben Springer to the Sustainability Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Transportation Services Advisory Council

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the appointments of Josh Bokee, Tim Davis and Mark Mishler, Planning & Permitting Division Representative to the Transportation Services Advisory Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		

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District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Workforce Development Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Monica Kolbay and Justin Saltzman to the Workforce Development Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Initial Discussion of Council Related Legislative Initiatives for 2022 Legislative Package

The Council Members held their Initial Discussion of Council Related Legislative Initiatives for 2022 Legislative Package.

Board of Education Vacancy Special Election (McKay)

Position Statement – Requirements for Advertisement of Constant Yield Tax Rate (Donald)

Buildings Used for Agritourism (Fitzwater)

Position Statement – Climate Solutions Now Act (Fitzwater)

Sugarloaf Area Plan Update

Steve Horn, Division Director, Planning & Permitting Division; Kimberly Golden Brandt, Director, and Tim Goodfellow, Environmental Planner, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division gave the Council and update on the Sugarloaf Area Plan.

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- Steve Poteat

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- Susan Hansen
- John Carrera
- Ingrid Kranz
- Matt Suber
- Elizabeth Bauer
- Patrick Schempf

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council